

The June 9, 2009 meeting of the Newtown Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Curt Cosby, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmember's:	Brian Burns	Mark Kobasuk (absent)
	Doug Evans	Ken Pulskamp
	Tracy Hueber	Daryl Zornes

Mayor: Curt Cosby

Solicitor: Doug Miller

Fiscal Officer: Keri Everett

Police Chief: Tom Synan

Martin Marietta Mining

Resident Gary Bowen, Pecos suggested a land grant for the property Martin Marietta is looking to mine. Mr. Bowen thought it would be good for the village to obtain the land and receive the tax duplicate and possibly have more regulation of Martin Marietta than Anderson Township might be able to provide. Mayor Cosby said it is not easy as one thinks. If Martin Marietta would not agree to come into the Village of Newtown, it would be a long fight in court with Anderson Township with probably with little chance of winning, Mayor Cosby said. Mayor Cosby said, unfortunately, a lot of the annexation laws over the past twenty (20) years have changed in favor of townships and away from cities and villages.

Resident Marlene Bowen, Pecos asked council if there is anything they can do to get a property owner to cut the grass in a reasonable time. There is a vacant house across from Mrs. Bowen on Pecos that has repeatedly been overgrown and makes the neighborhood look terrible. Mr. Evans will look into who owns the house and will give them a courtesy call.

River Hills

Mrs. Bowen asked the police department to monitor the stop sign at Pecos and Riverhills during peak hours.

Ohio Secretary of State

Shekar Jayaraman, Southwest Ohio Regional Liaison. Jennifer Brunner is the Ohio Secretary of State. Mr. Jayaraman is the liaison to state government for Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, Warren and Clinton counties. The Secretary of State's office is generally associated with elections; they also handle business filings for the State of Ohio. The Secretary of State is also the top record keeper for the State of Ohio, in terms of social security index and health index. Mr. Jayaraman shared information on how to file for a business in the State of Ohio, as well as other opportunities to become involved in the community through the state-end. The Office of the Ohio Secretary of State would like to recognize the service of our brave veterans and provide encouragement to our citizens to vote through the Vote in Honor of a Veteran program. The Office of the Ohio Secretary of State also guides one through the proper channels for non-profit organizations and securing a trademark to minimize expenditures filing for LLC's and trademarks. Publications are available at Town Hall, along with Mr. Jayaraman's contact information.

Mr. Evans asked how the Office of the Ohio Secretary of State could make Ohio more business-friendly. Mr. Jayaraman said that also has a lot to do with the Governor's office and different agencies. The Business Services Department actually brought all of the services back in-house and is handled by experts. Attorneys handle cases the office is unable to handle. Previously, it would have taken two to four weeks to file for a trademark or LLC, where now the turn around period is twenty-four hours, said Mr. Jayaraman. The Office of the Ohio Secretary of State expedites the process of starting a business. Mr. Jayaraman thanked everyone; Council thanked Mr. Jayaraman for attending the council meeting.

Memorial Day Parade: Mayor Cosby thanked Doug Wessling for hanging the Memorial Day banner along Main Street; he hung the banner free of charge. Doug is always willing to help out the village and we appreciate him and Wessling Tree Service for being a good corporate citizen.

Fountain Dedication: Mayor Cosby thanked those that attended the dedication May 29th. The weather was beautiful and we had a good turn out of people. There was a nice article in the Forest Hills Journal.

Weed Ordinance: Mr. Weber was unable to attend; therefore, Ms. Everett asked council to review the ordinance changes presented. The current process involves several ordinances and is very lengthy. Council will review the ordinances presented and will discuss a more efficient process at the next council meeting.

Building Department: Mr. Spry updated council on the status for the Building Department. The commercial status for the Building Department will be effective July 1, 2009. May 1, 2009, the Village of Newtown received approval to become a commercial Building Department.

Mr. Spry has initiated a couple of new programs: 1) Street Opening Permits, Dick Weber is monitoring the streets making sure they are repaired properly. Everything that comes into the village will have a permit attached to make sure things are put back together properly. An "Information Request" form would be filled out for things like high weeds, street repairs, etc. The forms will be a tracking system and will act as a follow-up file. Our Building Department will now be more customer-friendly to utilize people coming here as a source for any of the construction processes going on. Electrical and Plumbing will have to be outsourced.

Mr. Evans asked Mr. Spry to explain his credentials. Mr. Spry is a CBO, Certified Building Official, certified by the State of Ohio. Mr. Spry is a licensed Building Inspector, has been a contractor for years. Recently, we just went through the ISO rating with Jim Dudley. Mr. Spry works full-time with the City of Cincinnati as a Building Inspector. In Mr. Spry's absence, Larry Kieffer fills in for Mr. Spry. He works with Mr. Spry at the City of Cincinnati and has the same credentials as Mr. Spry.

Eastern Corridor: There will be a Public Hearing, Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at Miami Valley Christian Academy, 6830 School Street, Newtown, Ohio. Attendance is highly encouraged to better understand how the proposed alignments of the Eastern Corridor will affect the village residents and businesses. Mayor Cosby said other than the proposed alignments; the other scenario is we don't want it. This information will also be posted on "villageofnewtown.com" website.

Wags Park: Wags Park for dogs is now open. Mr. Bob Slattery, owner of Wags Park said the dogs are so happy to have a place to play and amazingly enough there is not a lot of barking. It's a great place for dogs to play with their friends and make new friends. All are welcome!

Wag-O-Mat Dog Wash and Wag-O-Mat Mart: Mr. Bob Slattery is also bringing the first dog wash to Cincinnati, Wag-O-Mat. Four self-serve large tubs will be available to wash your dog. Oatmeal soap will be used. Deposit coins; each cycle will run 10-15 minutes.

Resolution, Anderson Township Little League: Riverside Park is unavailable for fall 2009 baseball. ATLL has asked to use the field at Moundview Park for August 1 through October 31, 2009.

Mr. Burns made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Evans. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Burns made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 19-2009 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXCLUSIVE USE AGREEMENT FOR ATHLETIC FIELDS AND DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. Ms. Hueber seconded the motion.

Discussion

Mr. Pulskamp asked if the fee is the same as last time. Mr. Burns said it was \$1,000, which included Short Park and since they are not using the Short Park field the fee is \$500. Mr.

Pulskamp asked what Anderson Township charges compared to our fees. Mayor Cosby said it would be a good idea to look at the fee structures and make adjustments where needed. Mr. Burns said he will be more than happy to and will bring the information back at the 6-23-09 council meeting.

Vote: Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-(Absent). Motion Carried.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Mr. Burns updated council on a recent appeal for a variance for an illuminated sign for Wags Dog Park. The variance was granted; notes and minutes are kept at Town Hall.

Checklist

Mr. Evans made a motion to accept Checklist dated 6-09-2009 in the amount of \$56,992.96. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion.

Road Project Update: Mr. Pulskamp said the Round Bottom Road project is 99.9% complete. There will be a walk-through Friday; gravel is needed to fill in the edges. The left-hand turn lane is in; the signals should be operating in a couple of weeks. River Hills is completed. Ivy Hills Lane is completed. Thursday morning there will be a meeting to do a punch list and to review the traffic light at Church and Main Street to change the arm around and hopefully get this resolved.

Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to accept the May 2008 Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council. Ms. Hueber seconded the motion. Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-(Absent). Motion Carried.

Resolution, Supplemental Appropriations: Mr. Pulskamp explained this is to move funds from one line to another line for the new computers and software for the police department. This was agreed to purchase at the last council meeting.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Hueber. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 20-2009 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AND RECONCILING THE BUDGET AND AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Zornes seconded the motion. Mr. Burns-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Zornes-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-(Absent). Motion Carried.

Council Minutes

Mr. Zornes made a motion to approve 5-26-2009 council minutes, seconded by Mr. Burns. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to adjourn council meeting at 7:45 p.m. Ms. Hueber seconded motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.